

I am deeply concerned and very unhappy about the proposed changes that would limit the ability of satellite radio to continue reaching their PAYING SUBSCRIBERS with diverse and relevant programming. It is shameful that this fledgling and VERY consumer-oriented industry even has to defend itself from an assault like this. It flies in the face of every competitive principle that our economy is built upon, and it's a clear abuse of the power of an organization like the National Association of Broadcasters.

I benefit tremendously from listening to XM Satellite Radio and its locally specific traffic and weather channels. This timely and relevant information would certainly not otherwise be as conveniently available to me, and it is unfathomable to think that money and lobbyists could twist the arm of a gov't agency to take this harmless benefit away from me and other consumers.

It is universally agreed upon that competition leads to higher quality, better services, and more choice. Satellite radio provides variety and quality that are not available elsewhere. I pay for these services, and it should not be up to the National Association of Broadcasters to dictate what I am permitted to hear and where I have to go to hear it.

I respectfully urge the FCC to reject the NAB's petition 04-160 and to support XM Radio's ability to provide the kind of programming that I and all consumers deserve.